

REMARKS

This continuation application includes claims 1 through 75. The serial number of the parent application is 09/366,210 filed August 4, 1999.

Claims 1-71 are modeled after the allowed claims of the parent application except that certain recitations have been changed. In particular, those claims that recite “trusted network” and “untrusted network” in the parent, recite a “first network” and a “second network” in the present application. In addition, those claims that had recited “a telecommunications access network” now recite “an access network.” In certain of the claims that had called for “an originating interface unit on a customer premises,” that recitation has been changed to “an originating end-terminal.”

Applicants regard the claims of this application as necessary to more fully define that which applicants regard as their invention.

Claims 72 through 75 have no counterpart in the parent application. These claims are similar to claims 61 through 64 of the present application except that they define the invention in the context of a terminating gate controller rather than an originating gate controller.

Four of the claims from the parent application have no counterpart in the present application. Those are claims 51, 56, 59 and 60. No text is associated with those claim numbers in the present application. Applicants have done this in order to preserve the claim numbering correspondence between this application and the parent. It is believed that this will simplify the examiner’s task of comparing the claims of the two applications. It is applicants’ intent to formally cancel claim numbers 51, 56, 59 and 60 at a point in the future or to request that this be done by examiner’s amendment.

Certain other differences between the claims of the parent application and the claims of this application, such as additional language added to the preamble of claim 68, are simply for purposes of improving the claim form.

As an aid to the examiner, this preliminary amendment includes an appendix showing how the claims of this application differ from those of the parent.

Notwithstanding the differences in language between the claims of the present application and those of the parent application, it is submitted that the claims of this application

preserve the essence of the limitations that were argued in the parent application as distinguishing the invention from the cited prior art in applicants' paper entitled "Interview Summary And Supplementary Amendment" filed on 06/17/2003.

Claim 1, for example, sets forth that the recited second network "is different from said first network [line 5]," thereby distinguishing the invention from the cited part art in the same way as the language in claim 1 of the parent that states that the untrusted network is different from the trusted network.

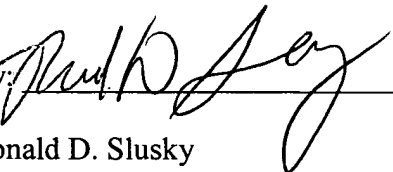
Claim 1 of the present application recites that the originating gate controller and the originating interface unit communicate with one another via "an access network [lines 13-14]." This parallels the language in claim 1 of the parent which makes reference to a "telecommunications access network" rather than an "access network." It is submitted that those terms serve equally well to distinguish the invention from the cited prior art in the way discussed in the aforementioned paper of 06/17/2003.

Similar language appears in claims 6, 11, 18, 25, 37, 42, 47 and 57.

Independent claims 52, 61, 65 and 68 also recite "an access network" rather than "a telecommunications access network" as recited in the corresponding claims in the parent. Again, it is submitted that those terms serve equally well to distinguish the invention from the cited prior art, this being so even though claims 61, 65 and 68 of the present application make reference to an "end-terminal" rather than an "interface unit on customer premises."

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